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AMENDMENT"B" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1,116

Sir

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated August 19, 2009. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on November 19, 2009. Applicant respectfully requests that the date for responding be extended one month, up to and including December 19, 2009. Because December 19, 2009 falls on a Saturday, the response can be timely filed on Monday, December 21, 2009 with no extra fee. Please charge \$130 for the one-month extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. UNAX1-38300.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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